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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: THE DEMISE OF THE TACC

1. THE BANGKOK DOMESTIC SERVICE IN THAI ON 25  
DECEMBER CARRIED A REPORT THAT THE THAI ALLIED COORDINA-  
TION CENTER AND COMMITTEE (TACC) HAD BEEN DISSOLVED.

2. IN FACT, THE TACC WAS ABOLISHED ON 20 NOVEMBER  
AT A MEETING CHAIRED BY SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS  
(FORWARD) CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL CHAROEN PONGPANICH,  
WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, MFA,  
THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE.  
THE COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY FELT THAT PROBLEMS TRADITIONALLY  
REFERRED TO IT WERE EITHER RESOLVED OR ELIHINATED  
BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. COMBAT TROOPS, OR COULD BE HANDLED  
IN NORMAL CHANNELS.

3. THE TACC WAS CREATED IN 1968 TO ACT AS A CENTRAL  
CLEARING HOUSE FOR PROBLEMS RELATED TO SEATO WHICH  
AFFECTED OR IMPACTED UPON VARIOUS RTG MINISTRIES AND  
DEPARTMENTS. OVER TIME ITS FOCUS OF CONCERN SHIFTED  
TO THOSE PROBLEMS GENERATED BY OUR LARGE U.S. MILITARY  
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PRESENCE IN THE ABSENCE OF A STATUS OF FORCES

AGREEMENT. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT IT WAS A RUBBER

STAMP TO LEGITIMIZE SOLUTIONS ALREADY AGREED TO BETWEEN  
THE CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPREME COMMAND, AND U.S. OFFICIALS.

4. IN A POSSIBLY RELATED DEVELOPMENT, KOSON SINTHAWANON,  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MFA, TOLD THE  
CHARGE AND THE POMIL COUNSELOR ON DECEMBER 24 THAT  
THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE HAD AGREED  
TO HOLD MONTHLY TOP LEVEL MEETINGS TO DEAL WITH MATTERS  
OF MUTUAL CONCERN. THE TWO MINISTRIES WILL ALSO EXCHANGE  
LIAISON OFFICERS.

5. COMMENT: THE TACC HAS BEEN SO COMATOSE THAT ITS  
DEMISE WENT UNNOTICED UNTIL IT WAS ANNOUNCED ON THE  
RADIO MORE THAN A MONTH AFTER THE FACT. THE EMBASSY  
AND MAITHEI HAVE CONTINUED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS  
WITH SUPREME COMMAND.

IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHAT MECHANISMS WILL BE USED BY THE RTG  
TO COORDINATE WITH VARIOUS THAI MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES ON  
ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S. FORCES, BUT COORDINATION WITH THESE  
AGENCIES WILL PRESUMABLY STILL BE NEEDED. IF MFA IS ABLE  
TO BRING ENOUGH WEIGHT TO BEAR, THIS PROCESS MAY NOT BE  
PRO FORMA, AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST WHEN SUPREME COMMAND  
MADE ITS DECISIONS. THUS, THE DE FACTO NEAR-EXTRA-  
TERRITORIALITY OF U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THAILAND MAY  
BE FURTHER ERODED.  
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